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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449.

U.S. Patent No. 6,563,596

JP 2000-052605 JP 2001-088374

A copy of each of the above-listed Japanese documents, together with its English-language abstract, is attached. In addition, a partial English translation of JP 2000-052605 is attached. A copy of the U.S. document is not attached, pursuant to 1276 O.G. 55 (August 5, 2003). The Japanese documents were cited during prosecution of a Japanese patent

application corresponding to the subject U.S. application. A copy of the Japanese Office

Action is attached.

U.S. Patent No. 6,563,596 is believed to be an English-language counterpart

of JP 2000-052605.

Inasmuch as the subject application has not yet received a first Office

Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R.

§ 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety

and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the

claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this

information has been considered by initialing and returning a copy of the attached Form

PTO-1449.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA

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